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SUBJECT: FRG-IRAN AGREEMENT

REF: PARIS 20738

1. AT FRENCH REQUEST, DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL MET WITH FRENCH
COUNSELOR DE BELLESCIZE ON JULY 19 TO DISCUSS US POSITION
REGARDING RECENTLY SIGNED FRG-IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT.

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2. DE BELLESCIZE WAS INFORMED THAT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO FRG HAD ASKED US VIEWS ON PROPOSED DRAFT AGREEMENT WITH IRAN. BECAUSE THE PROPOSED DRAFT INCLUDED A GENERAL UNDERTAKING TO COOPERATE WITH IRAN IN ALL PHASES OF THE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE INCLUDIG NUCLEAR REPROCESSING AND ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE FUTURE, USG COULD NOT ENDORSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT. NEVERTHELESS, ON THE WHOLE, THE PROPOSED FRG-IRAN AGREEMENT CONTAINED SEVERAL DESIRABLE ELEMENTS THAT DEMONSTRATED FRG WAS MOVING CLOSER TO US POSITION ON QUESTION OF EXPORTING SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES TO NNWS, AND IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT NO SENSITIVE TRANSFERS ARE CONTEMPLATED BEFORE THE 1990'S AND T;EN ONLY IF THERE IS A VALID ECONOMIC REQUIREMENT.

3. DEPARTMENT HAD INFORMED FRG OF US CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT IRAN AGREEMENT MIGHT ATTRACT PUBLIC ATTENTION IN WHICH CASE, IF ASKED PUBLICLY, USG WOULD CONFIRM ITS BASIC POSITION OF OPPOSING PREMATURE COMMITMENTS TO TRANSFER SENSITIVE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY.

4. IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO DE BELLESCIZE THAT OUR CONCERN WAS REPROCESSING RATHER THAN ADEQUACY OF FRG CONSULTATION, GIVEN THE EXCHANGES NOTED IN PARA 2 ABOVE. FYI. FOREGOING IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION IN CASE DE NAZELLE PURSUES THIS SUBJECT. END FYI.

5. FOR PARIS: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSIGNING TO FUTURE CABLES ON THIS AND RELATED NUCLEAR EXPORT CONSULTATIONS A CLASSIFICATION OF CONFIDENTIAL OR HIGHER AS APPROPRIATE. ROBINSON

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